

Big
Thunder
DRAFT HORSE SHOW
2020



January 17-19, 2020

Premium Book



The Ranch
Larimer County's Event Complex

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PLEASE READ ALL RULES CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING ENTRIES

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY:

All exhibitors in the Big Thunder Draft Horse Hitch Show will be under the control and direction of the show management. However the Big Thunder Draft Horse Hitch Show in no case will be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to the horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, stolen, destroyed or in any way injured. Every individual, either personally or through their partner, parent, or guardian, who participates in the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show, to any extent whatsoever, does thereby consent, for all purposes, that venue and jurisdiction shall lie in Larimer County, Colorado. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article owned or exhibited by him or her, and shall indemnify the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show against all legal or other proceedings, claims, or demands of any kind or nature, that may arise from the negligence of the person in charge or any such animal or article.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

The Show Committee and The Ranch reserve the right to change or modify any rules, regulations, class order or premiums in the best interest of the show at any point in time.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:

Unsportsmanlike conduct by any exhibitor, trainer, or owner will not be tolerated and any violator will be excused from the arena.

Inhumane treatment, cruelty to, or abuse of any animal by any person in the show arena, warm-up area, stall, runway, or anywhere on the grounds of The Ranch and Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex is strictly forbidden and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Management may bar violators from any further participation for the remainder of the Show or future shows.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

A. Out of State Origin

1. A Health Certificate is required and must be turned into the Stalling Office upon arrival and must be dated no more than 30 days prior to the time of arrival. Horses entering a show will be subject to examination by the State Veterinarian's office upon entry or during said show. Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until properly released in order to return to the owner's premises following treatment.
2. Negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or Elisa) required and must be turned into the Stalling Office at time of stall assignment and must be dated no more than one (1) year prior to date of arrival.

B. Colorado Origin

1. A Health Certificate is required and must be turned into the Stalling Office upon arrival and must be dated no more than 30 days prior to the date of arrival. Horses entering a show will be subject to examination by the State Veterinarian's office upon entry or during said show. Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until properly released in order to return to the owner's premises following treatment.
2. No test required for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or Elisa)

SHOW ENTRY GUIDELINES

A separate entry form for each owner must be submitted.

All show horses must be Percheron, Belgian, Shire or Clydesdale breeding.

ENTRIES FOR ALL HITCHES MUST BE COMPLETED & POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 11, 2019.

To qualify for travel money a six horse hitch is required.

Entry forms require a completed entry form, stalling form, W-9, and payment to be considered fully complete.

Please submit entries online, or send to Ge Wyscarver at the Ranch. Entries are accepted in the following forms.

Online: [http://forms.logiforms.com/formdata/
user_forms/74846_2296047/361290/page1.html?cachebust=4636](http://forms.logiforms.com/formdata/user_forms/74846_2296047/361290/page1.html?cachebust=4636)

Email: gwyscarver@larimer.org

Mail: Big Thunder Draft Horse Show
c/o Ge Wyscarver
5280 Arena Circle
Loveland, CO 80538

Payments via check should be made payable to "The Ranch" in US funds only.

Credit card payment is available by phone or online treventscomplex.com/plan-your-visit/payment-portal, Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are all accepted

Any questions may be directed to:
Ge Wyscarver at (970) 619-4014 or gwyscarver@larimer.org

SHOW ENTRY GUIDELINES

A limit of fourteen Six Horse Hitch Entries will be accepted.

Big Thunder accepts entries in the following order:

- Hitches that have shown at the previous year's Big Thunder Draft Horse Show (2019) are welcome to return under following conditions
 - Entry is under the same hitch name (owner or company)
 - Entry is complete and postmarked or submitted by the entry deadline.
- Hitches that did not show at Big Thunder the previous year will then be taken in order of postmark or submittal date.
- Entry confirmation will be given shortly after the entry deadline.
- Hitch entries are typically to fill, so submit early.
- We will accept as many entries as possible that are not qualifying for travel money or a full six-horse hitch, however the entry deadline does still apply! (*as stalling room and budget allow*)
- A \$25 total late fee will apply to any entry that is past the entry deadline, and is subject to availability. Acceptance will be determined by the show committee.

Cart Classic Series

Exhibitors who enter in the cart series class *must be a Classic Cart Series Member* and must show proof of their cart series membership with their entries.

North American Classic Six Classes

You must be a member of the NASHHCS Series to enter the NASHHCS classes at Big Thunder. If entered, you are required to show in the class both days.

ENTRY FEES AND RULES

An office charge of \$20.00 will be charged.

All group/ hitch/teams will be issued one number.

- ◆ OFFICE CHARGE: \$20.00
- ◆ PERFORMANCE CLASSES (per entry) \$10.00 ea
- ◆ HORSE STALLS (for 4 days of show) \$50.00 ea
- ◆ TACK STALLS (for 4 days of show) \$40.00 ea
- ◆ EARLY ARRIVAL & POST EVENT STALLS:
HORSES or TACK \$12.50 (per stall/night)
- ◆ * EXHIBITOR BADGES \$10.00 ea
Six included with hitch entry, two included with individual entry

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITOR BADGES

* A limited number of additional badges will be sold in the Show Office. The Show committee reserves the right to limit the number sold per entry.

EXHIBITOR APPRECIATION MEAL

Tickets are provided with entries (6 per hitch, 4 per Four Horse Hitch, 2 per cart or team entry). Additional are available for sale in the show office but are limited in quantity.

SHOW DRESS CODE

The committee of the BT DHS encourages appropriate dress for climate and weather conditions for handlers and drivers in the ring.

Patent Show Harness, a fifth wheel hitch show wagon, mane rolls and braided tails are required.

STALL REQUIREMENTS

ALL HORSES MUST ARRIVE AND DEPART BETWEEN WED, JAN 8th & WED, JAN 22nd

- Arrival and Departure dates and times must be stated on your stalling form.
- Request for adjoining stalls from different owners must be stated on each owner's entry form. We will do our best to accommodate each request but cannot guarantee the accommodation.
- Stall requests will not be accepted without an entry form and payment. Every horse is required to be stalled.
- Stalls will be assigned for each entry. No changes will be permitted without prior consent.
- Stalls are 10'x10' box stalls with hinged doors and solid rubber matting.
- All stall aisles will be matted, unless noted on stall sheet.
- Horses must be under the supervision and care of their owners.
- Please keep all stalls and aisles clean and neat.
- Please dump manure in the designated area outside.
- Management requests that the stall area be decorated. Please do not block or partially block any aisle.

FEED AND BEDDING

Bagged pine shavings will be available to pre-order and are available on-site through The Ranch. Hay and Straw orders are pre-order direct through Yoder Hay Company. Ordering information is included in your confirmation packet. Exhibitors may bring their own bedding, hay and grain.

PARKING

Exhibitor specific parking lot is located adjacent to the stalling area. An Exhibitor Parking Permit is required and will be mailed with each confirmation packet. Weather permitting this will allow hitches to use outside areas and turn around during performances.

Show Schedule

Friday Evening:

Pre-Show – 5:30pm

Men's Cart-*Group B*
Show Team– *Group A*

Paid Performance – 6:30pm

Ladies Cart- *Group B*
Unicorn Hitch-*Group A*
Entertainment
Four Horse Hitch- *Group B*
Kids Stick Horse Race
Work Arena- break
North American Classic Six

Sunday Morning:

Farm Teams – 8:00am

Feed Team Competition
Log Skid Preliminaries
(finals will be during the
afternoon pre-show)

Saturday Afternoon:

Pre-Show – 1:00pm

Men's Cart-*Group A*
Show Team– *Group B*

Paid Performance – 2:00pm

Ladies Cart- *Group A*
Unicorn Hitch-*Group B*
Entertainment
Four Horse Hitch- *Group A*
Kids Stick Horse Race
Work Arena- break
North American Classic Six

Sunday Afternoon:

Pre-Show – 1:00pm

Log Skid Finals
Cart Classic Series

Paid Performance 2:00pm

Amateur Cart
Entertainment
Ladies Team
Kids Stick Horse Race
Working Horse Team Class
Work Arena-break
Eight Horse Hitch

Schedule Notes

Group A/B determination will be set upon the close of entries by drawing. Your Group designation will be sent with your exhibitors packet.

Thursday 6:00pm-8:00pm

Exhibitor appreciation dinner and sponsor/host match.
Arena Concourse

Friday 3:00pm

Driver's meeting Indoor Arena bleachers

Group A - 1/2 of the hitches **Group B** - 1/2 of the hitches

Friday Schedule

Pre-Show at **5:30pm** Show at **6:30pm**

Group A:

Show Team – Pre Show

Unicorn Hitch

NASHHCS

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Group B:

Men's Cart– Pre Show

Ladies Cart

Four Horse Hitch

Saturday Schedule

Pre-Show **1:00pm** Show at **2:00pm**

Group A:

Men's Cart- Pre Show

Ladies Cart

Four Horse Hitch

NASHHCS

Group B:

Show Team– Pre-Show

Unicorn Hitch

NASHHCS

Sunday Schedule

There will be no group division

Pre-show **1:00pm** Show at **2:00pm**

NACS Six Horse

You must enter both NACS classes Friday and Saturday.

RULES TO QUALIFY FOR PURSE/TRAVEL MONEY

Big Thunder is limited to 14 hitches entered by the date of entry for the guaranteed \$1850.00 travel money. The show committee will review all other entries for an invitation to participate based on the availability of stalls and budget.

Qualifying rules for the \$1850 purse/travel money

1. You must drive the NACS Six Horse Friday and Saturday. This will count as 2 classes towards the requirement.
2. We encourage entry in all of the following classes, but you must drive six of the ten following classes.

Men's Cart	Show Team	Unicorn
Ladies Cart	Ladies Team	Four
Cart Classic Series	NACS Six-Fri	NACS Six-Sat
	Eight Horse	

The above classes will have an added purse of \$50-1st place, \$35-2nd place, \$25-3rd place (*Eight and NACS Six excluded*)

3. Failure to drive six of the ten classes will require a 'vet out' and a reduction in the purse/travel money as follows:
 - If you drive 5 of the classes you will receive \$1250
 - If you drive 4 of the classes you will receive \$750
 - If you drive 3 or less you will receive no money.

Amateur Cart Class - \$200 purse - Driver cannot have driven any other class at the current Big Thunder Show. (*class does not qualify for the travel money*)

Classic Cart Series Class- \$1,000.00 purse will be split on a scale between Top Ten Placings

North American Classic Six Horse Hitch - \$2500 purse Friday, \$2500 purse Saturday. Prize money for each class will be scaled based on placings. Each entry will receive a payout for each class entered.

Eight Horse Hitch Drive - \$2000 purse

Scratches in any class will not qualify for purse money

Not Bringing A Six Horse Hitch?

Individual Entries are welcomed at Big Thunder.

All classes are open for entry including:

The following classes will be assigned a group with all entries

Cart Classes

Team Classes

Cart Classic Series

Unicorn

Four Horse

Additional options include classes on Sunday:

Amateur Cart Class - \$200 purse - Driver cannot have driven any other class at the 2018 Big Thunder Show

Working Horse Team Class— \$400 purse – Working team on the rail and must be driving a four wheeled vehicle. No farm implements allowed.

Feed Team Race- \$200 purse

Log Skid Competition- \$200 purse

Farm Teams Have Separate Premium Book and Entry Forms

Special Awards

High Point Award is Given to the hitch with the highest average in all classes including the 8 Horse Hitch.

Awards are given for “**Best Shod**”, “**Best Man Driver**” and “**Best Lady Driver**”- determined by the Judge.

A “**People’s Choice Award**” will be chosen during the show each day by the crowd. The voting deadline will be in the next to last class, and the award given during the last class of the day.

Calling All
Draft Horse
Supporters!

Hitch Sponsorship Opportunities

The Hitch Sponsorship program for Big Thunder Draft horse show is a great way to support the show. Hitch sponsorship packages include

On-site Exposure

- Banner to be displayed on the tailgate of the hitch
- Banner to be displayed on the stalls of the hitch
- Name mentioned during each event the sponsored hitch competes in. *“Next to compete, ABC hitch presented by Your Company Name”*

Hospitality

- Invitation for photo opportunity if your hitch wins Six Horse Hitch Class (daily)
- Invitation to ride out of the arena on a wagon after hitches are placed during the Six Horse Hitch Class on Sunday
- Invitation to Meet N Greet BBQ on Thursday and to be introduced as the sponsor of the hitch

Sponsor Investment \$500

If you, someone you do business with, or a friend would be interested in supporting the show by way of being a hitch sponsor, please reach out to:

Dana Drake

970-619-4102

Dana.Drake@spectrarp.com